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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have said that we have not received any objection or representation regarding faulty construction. Therefore, I gave a negative answer. In spite of that the hon. Member chose to say that his question had not been answered. It is only with reference to alignment that there has been an objection and that is being looked into. That is all the information that I have got."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" I am representing to the Hon. the Minister that there is a complaint that the contractor did not construct the anicut according to the instructions issued by the Government. May I ask him whether he will come forward to depute a special officer to investigate and find out whether the contractor observed the instructions issued by the Government?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is not within the knowledge of the Government that there is a complaint. If any complaint reaches me, I shall examnie it."

Extent of lands brought under irrigation by the river pumping schemes.

* 1104 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri M. Jagannathan is not in his seat, the answer to the question will be printed in the proceedings." 11-30 a.m.

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) in which places the river pumping schemes are in operation;

(*b*) the extent of lands brought under irrigation by these schemes in 1952–53;

(*c*) whether these schemes were transferred to the co-operative societies for execution; and

(*d*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) River pumping schemes are now in operation in the following places :—

District.	Village.
1 Chingleput	1 Nelvoy.
	2 Pinayur.
2 Tanjore	1 Kilithur.
3 South Kanara	1 Muthur
	2 Sajipanadu.
4 Malabar	1 Lakkidi.
	2 Pallapuram.

" (*b*) A total extent of 535·42 acres (covering both I and II crops) was brought under irrigation by these schemes.

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" (c) None of the above schemes was transferred to co-operative societies; they are worked by the Agriculture department.

"(d) Does not arise in view of the answer to clause (c) above."

Financial aid to the evacuees from Burma and Pakistan.

* 1105 *Q*.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the amount given to the evacuees from Burma and Pakistan as aid and loan up to the year 1952;

(b) the amount of loan recovered; and

(c) the balance to be recovered?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The State Government have given from their own funds loans amounting to Rs. 7,46,137 to the displaced persons from Pakistan. They have not given any aid to evacuees from Burma. The Government of India have given financial assistance to Burma evacuees from their own funds under their scheme of financial assistance. That scheme was wound up in February 1948 and no fresh advances are given.

" (b) A sum of Rs. 14,474 has been recovered from the displaced persons from Pakistan.

" (c) Rs. 7,32,683."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" அந்த அகதிகளுக்கு மானியமாகவும், கடன்களாகவும் கொடுக்கப்பட்டதை எந்த முறையில் வசூல் செய்யப்பட்டு வருகிறது என்பதையும், இந்தக் கடன்களை வினியோகிக்க இருக்கும் சர்க்கார் சிப்பந்திகளின் இனத்திலும், காரியாலயங்களிலும் எவ்வளவு செலவழிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்பதையும் கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The loans were given under certain conditions and as and when the loans become due they will be collected. As far as the information required by the hon. Member regarding the expenditure incurred on administration, in granting of these loans, a separate question may be put."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இலங்கையிலிருந்து வர இருக்கும் அகதிகளுக்குப் பாதுகாப்பு அளிப்பதற்காக சர்க்கார் ஏதாவது நிதி ஒதுக்கியிருக்கிறார்களா ? அல்லது நிதி ஒதுக்கவாவது உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, we are hoping there won't be any evacuees from Ceylon. It is only towards that end that we are endeavouring."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, were the Government collecting the loan advanced by the Central Government to Burma evacuees as the agent of that Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This is only with reference to the collection of loans advanced by us to refugees from Pakistan."